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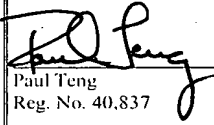
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE PROCESSING CAPABLE OF
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It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The enclosed items were cited in a November 28, 2003 official Communication and European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 03 25 4638 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the November 28, 2003 Communication and European Search Report is enclosed.

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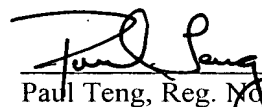
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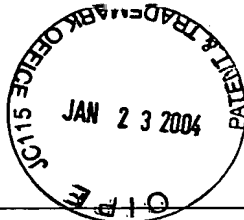
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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